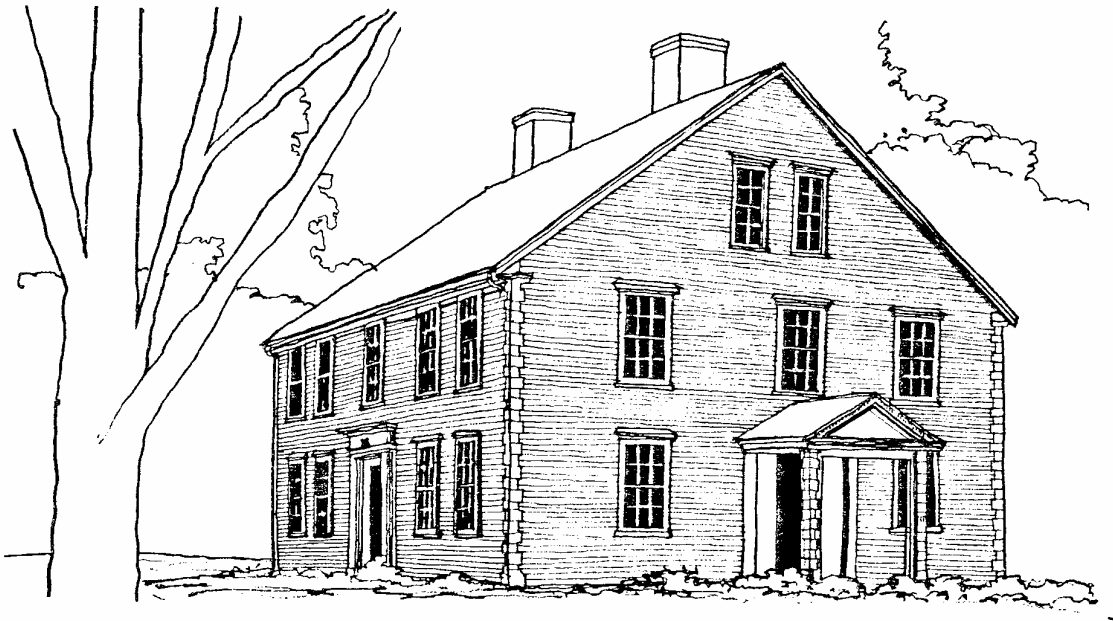


Where the Historic Districts are Located

Hingham's six historic districts include many of the town's loveliest streetscapes and most interesting homes. Taken together, they comprise virtually a living museum of Hingham history from mid-seventeenth century until the present.

- **The Lincoln Historic District** (established 1966; extended 1988 and 1989). The original boundaries of the Lincoln District included 18 structures around Fountain Square, also called the Lincoln Green, and on nearby parts of North Street and Lincoln Street. Among them were the General Benjamin Lincoln Homestead (1664), a National Historic Landmark; the Old Ordinary (1688) and the New North Church (1807). Phase I of a three-part extension, approved at the 1988 Town Meeting, continued the district along North and South Streets as far as the intersection of Thaxter and Hersey Streets. Voters at the 1989 Town Meeting adopted two further extensions. Lincoln Phase II carried the district westward along North and South Streets up to and including West Street. Phase III extended the district in an easterly direction, including Cottage Street, Ship Street, Miles Road and portions of Lincoln Street, Fearing Road and North Street to the harbor, past the Rev. Ebenezer Gay House (1728) and other eighteenth-century homes and taverns.

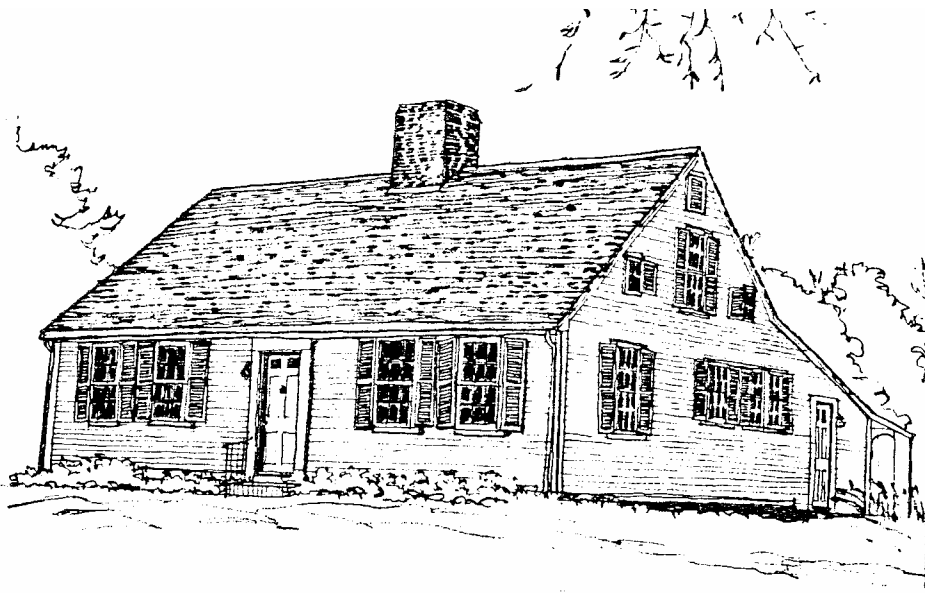


CUSHING TAVERN (18th Century Colonial, 1746) 757 Main Street

- **The Glad Tidings Historic District** (1975) runs along both sides of Main Street from the Second Parish Church (1742) to Cushing Street, the area commonly known as Glad Tidings Plain. The district is rich in history, folklore and architectural

interest. Three-quarters of the structures date from the seventeenth, eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, including the Theophilus Cushing House (1687), the Rev. Daniel Shute House (1745) and the Cushing Tavern (1746).

- **The Tower-Wilder Historic District** (1987 and 1988) abuts the Glad Tidings District at the Second Parish Church and follows Main Street north past Wilder Memorial Hall, over Wilder's Bridge, past the famed Rainbow Roof House and across the Tower Brook to the Tower Homestead (1664). It takes its name from two of Hingham's earliest families, whose descendents continue to occupy homes within the district.
- **The Liberty Plain Historic District** (1988) helps to preserve a significant portion of Main Street in South Hingham. To the north it begins at the intersection of Prospect and Main Streets and includes numerous homes of the Gardner, Loring and Whiton families from the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. It ends to the south at the Enoch Whiton House (1680). The district includes the Liberty Plain Cemetery, where many of the early settlers are buried.



THOMAS GARDNER HOUSE (Cape Cod, 1754) 995 Main Street

- **The Bachelor's Row/Pear Tree Hill Historic District** (1988) embraces several Hingham landmarks and stately homes from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Beginning at Old Derby Academy (1818), the district continues southerly along Main Street past the Old Ship Church (1681), a National Historic Landmark, to the intersection of Garrison Road at Hingham Centre. Along the way it includes the First Baptist Church (1829), the Church of St. John the Evangelist (1919) at the intersection of Water Street and frontage on the historic Home Meadows.

- **The Hingham Centre Historic District** (1990) is roughly triangular in shape, bounded westerly by Main Street, from Garrison Road to the intersection of Pleasant Street, southerly by Pleasant Street, and easterly by Middle Street. It included, in addition to numerous eighteenth and early nineteenth-century homes, the historic Hingham Common, or Training Field, where the 17th-century militia, or “Train Band” gathered. Other prominent buildings are the Evangelical Congregational Church (1848), the G.A.R. Hall (1888) and the Hawkes Fearing House (1784).

The task of the designating major local historic districts is nearly complete. Much of the downtown area, including the Lincoln and Bachelor’s Row/Pear Tree Hill Districts, has been included in a National Register Historic District, the Lincoln National Register District. The South Hingham National Register Historic District overlays both the Tower-Wilder and Glad Tidings Local Historic Districts. In addition, several other National Register Eligible historic districts have been identified. Many other homes and structures will, of course, be recognized by inclusion in the town’s inventory of historic assets, protected by the Demolition Delay By-Law and listed in either the State or the National Register of Historic Places.